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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-213191, published August 15, 1997, with English Abstract.

2. Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2000-311573, published Nov 2000. (This reference was cited in the International Search Report.)

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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